

27 December 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 27 December 1965

Mr. Helms was in the chair as Acting DCI.

DD/I reported on a draft paper from DOD/ISA concerning the possibility of providing [redacted] intelligence information as a means of building an enduring U. S. - [redacted] relationship. The paper includes some operational proposals in addition. The ISA paper is being sent forward to the Acting DCI. In DD/I's view, the ISA paper is not likely to survive DOD and/or State Department staffing.

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[redacted] briefed on the Vietnam military situation including the stand-down on all U. S. air operations, save for drones, over NVN. He noted a [redacted] shutdown of a drone over NVN airspace on 24 December. There was some question as to the firmness of the evidence [redacted] in this shutdown, and the Acting DCI asked [redacted] to ensure that [redacted] are used as a double-check of this incident.

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[redacted] noted the presence of [redacted] Phuc Yen airbase near Hanoi. DD/I noted that Senator Symington had said that MACV was very much concerned about the presence of MIG-21's in NVN and regarded them as superior to U. S. tactical aircraft. It was suggested that the MIG-21 performance characteristics be compared with those of the F-104 and F-105.

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[redacted] briefed on the Dominican Republic situation.

A-DD/S reported receipt of a letter from Assistant Secretary Crockett expressing pleasure with the state of Department [redacted]

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DD/S&T reported on word from SAC [redacted]

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[redacted] This is being checked here. If it proves out, it will be the first instance other than Cuba where this [redacted] has been stationed.

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DD/S&T reported the successful launch of a CORONA on 24 December. First bucket will be recovered on 29 December. We hope to obtain some coverage relating to the ICBM firings.

DD/S&T reported that the TACKLE detachment [redacted] ready for operations and flights will take place weather permitting.

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Mr. Helms referred to a note from [redacted] who says that relations with Secretary Vance are quite good. [redacted] suggests that we look into any unsolved problems remaining with DOD and take steps to get them solved. In this respect, DD/S&T mentioned the problem of jurisdictional arrangements and handling procedures for "space garbage." It was agreed that DD/S&T would prepare a memo outlining our views as to the procedures to be employed. The memo will then be put before USIB for concurrence.

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[redacted] Much work has been done in coordinating responses to the U. S. press in answer to expected inquiries. Ray Hare of the Department has taken a solid position with the [redacted] Agency officers are to say nothing about this case and to refer all calls to the Department.

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In answer to Mr. Helms' query, Kent said he was meeting with Walt Rostow this afternoon. This is a follow-up to Rostow's recent offer to pass along ideas he has to improve NIE's.

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